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SUBJECT: FRG-GDR POST AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGREEMENT

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1. EMBASSY JUNE 4 MADE APPROACH TO FRENCH AND BRITISH REQUESTED REFTEL. FRENCH AND BRITISH INTERLOCUTORS INDICATED THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MATTER RAISED IN BONN GROUP SO THEY COULD HAVE BENEFIT OF FRG POSITION BEFORE THEY TOOK A STAND THEMSELVES. SUBJECT CONSEQUENTLY RAISED IN JUNE 6 BONN GROUP MEETING.

2. RESPONDING TO US POSITION, FRG REP SAID THE FRG NEGOTIATOR HAS ALREADY STATED TO GDR COUNTERPART DURING THEIR SESSIONS THAT THE PROVISIONS OF ART. 7(2) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT CANNOT HAVE ANY EFFECT IN ALLIED TRAINS. FRG REP SAID HE ALSO BELIEVED CLAUSE OF ADMIN AGREEMENT PROVIDING THAT NONE OF ITS ARRANGEMENTS COULD AFFECT OTHER AGREEMENTS WOULD HELP TO
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PROTECT ALLIED POSITION ON TRAINS. RE TRANSIT MAIL

QUESTION, FRG REP SAID MAKING A FIGHT NOW ON THIS COULD
VERY WELL ENDANGER ENTIRE AGREEMENT, WHICH FRG WAS MOST
RELUCTANT TO DO. THE PROBLEM HERE WAS THAT THE TRANSIT
TRAFFIC AGREEMENT WAS NOT SPECIFIC ON QUESTION OF MAIL
(THUS ALLUDING TO QUESTION OF WHETHER "MAIL" IS "GOODS"
-- A QUESTION ALSO RAISED PREVIOUSLY BY THE BRITISH).
US REP EMPHASIZED THAT MAJOR CONCERN WAS "OPENING OF
DOOR" BY AGREEMENT TO POSSIBLE FUTURE CLAIM BY GDR
DEUTSCHE POST OF SUBSTANTIVE ROLE IN TRANSIT MAIL,
AND REQUESTED THAT FRG MAKE APPROPRIATE
DISCLAIMER AT APPROPRIATE POINT IN NEGOTIATION WITH GDR.
FRG REP SAID HE WOULD SO RECOMMEND, AND INDICATED HE

SAW NO DIFFICULTY IN HAVING SUCH STATEMENT MADE.
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